GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SPOTS OF KEONJHAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts are being made to preserve and publicize the tourist spots of Keonjhar namely, Sitabanji associated with the Ramayana and Bhimkund associated with the Mahabharat.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps envisaged in future in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) to (c) : Preservation and promotion of tourist spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts./UT Administrations in their respective States/UTs. The Department of Tourism,Government of India, however, extends financial assistance for the projects prioritised every year in consultation with the State Govts./UT Administrations.During last three years, the Deptt. of Tourism, Govt. of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs.45.00 lakhs for Construction of Tourist Complex at Keonjhar and Rs.5.00 lakhs for Wayside Amenities at Deogaon in Keonjhar district.